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Report of the French-speaking Division

Summary**

The activities undertaken by the French-speaking Division since the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names have been based mainly on the decisions taken at the Division's meeting of 30 April 2014 in New York.

On the basis of those decisions, the new Bureau prepared a programme of work that followed on from the previous mandate and ensured the effective functioning of the Division, enabling it to:

- Share national activity reports by preparing an inventory of national bodies and national toponymic authorities using a revised country data sheet;
- Offer a distance-learning toponymy course on the website of the School of Geographical Sciences of France;
- Keep up to date a website on toponymy in French and make available to users tools such as a toponymy course in French and a database of world place names in French;
- Publish issues 8, 9 and 10 of the toponymic newsletter, the *Bulletin d'information toponymique*, as well as issues 6 and 7 in 2012 and 2013, respectively;
- Participate in the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

In addition to the regular communication between its members, principally by email, the Division has met twice since the Tenth Conference, on the sidelines of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, which were held in New York (2014) and Bangkok (2016), respectively.

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